

**CHRIS KORDA CONSULTING INC.**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STOCKHOLDERS**

[date]

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of the above-named Corporation was held at \*\*\*\* Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, on [date], at 2:00 p.m., pursuant to a Waiver of Notice signed by all Directors and Stockholders.

The following persons constituting at least a majority of the Membership of the Board and all of the Stockholders of the Corporation were present:

Chris Korda

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** That it is in the best interests of the Corporation to purchase a new computer for the total purchase price between \$3000 and \$4000.

**VOTED:** That the President of the Corporation, Chris Korda, be and is hereby authorized to make such purchases of this business asset and to perform all acts or deeds necessary to complete the contemplated transaction.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To adjourn.

Adjourned.

A true copy.

**ATTEST:**

Chris Korda

**WAIVER OF NOTICE OF  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF  
CHRIS KORDA CONSULTING, INC.**

The undersigned, being all the Directors and Stockholders of the above-named Corporation, hereby waive notice of the time and place at, and of the purposes for which any meeting of the Directors and Stockholders has been or shall be called. Said Meeting is called for 2:00 p.m. on [date], at the corporate offices at \*\*\* Street, Somerville, Massachusetts.

**DATED:** [date]

**DIRECTORS:**

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**STOCKHOLDERS:**

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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF EUTHANASIA

The Church of Euthanasia was inspired by a dream, in which Rev. Korda confronted an alien intelligence known as "The Being" who speaks for the inhabitants of Earth in other dimensions. The Being warned that our planet's ecosystem is failing, and that our leaders deny this. The Being asked why our leaders lie to us, and why so many of us believe these lies. Rev. Korda awoke from the dream moaning the church's infamous slogan, "Save the Planet - Kill Yourself."

At the core of the church's theology is the belief that every aspect of the deepening global environmental crisis, including climate change, reduction of biodiversity, poisoning of the water and atmosphere, and topsoil erosion, directly results from the over-abundance of a single species: homo sapiens. The human population is increasing by one million every four days, according the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau. This is a net increase of 95 million per year, the current population of Mexico.

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According to church doctrine, the planet is a living, breathing organism, and is fully capable of defending itself if necessary. The church hopes to avoid the suffering this would entail by achieving a massive "leap of consciousness" in which human beings begin to think of themselves, not as individuals belonging to races or nation-states, but as a species. This "species awareness" would be the first step towards what "Biodiversity" author and population expert Paul Erlich calls "our absolute responsibility to protect what are our only known living companions in the universe."

The electronic version of the church's quarterly journal "Snuff It" is available for free on the Internet, along with copies of the church's weekly sermons, at any of the following addresses:

e-mail: coe@netcom.com  
ftp: ftp.etext.org / pub/Zines/Snuffit  
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www: http://www.paranoia.com/coe/

## CHURCH OF EUTHANASIA CHRONOLOGY

??/?/92 The first CoE DADA event takes place in Harvard Square. The local skinheads are not amused. **07/15/92** Rev. Korda manages to get on the floor of the Democratic Convention and sell hundreds of "Save the Planet--Kill Yourself" stickers to the assembled political junkies. **04/15/93** Observed stickering a cruiser, Rev. Korda straps on knee pads and shows the Somerville police a good time. **04/30/93** The CoE joins a local anti-vivisection march, and is finally persuaded to leave, but not before the "Kill Your Fetus Not Your Pet" sign makes its debut. **09/01/93** Rev. Korda's "Demons in My Head" CD is released on Kevorkian Records. **09/13/93** A 10'x10' "Save the Planet--Kill Yourself" banner is attached to a billboard on the Massachusetts Turnpike. **03/25/94** The CoE is incorporated in the state of Delaware. **04/29/94** Rev. Korda's "Save the Planet, Kill Yourself" EP is released on Kevorkian Records. **06/01/94** Issue #1 of the CoE journal "Snuff It" is mailed. **09/10/94** The CoE joins the first--and last--Boston Population Awareness Day rally on the Boston Common, with the "The Being" and a huge RU-486 tablet in tow. ZPG calls the cops, and the CoE is ejected. **10/15/94** "Snuff It" #2 is mailed. **10/20/94** Rev. Korda appears in the Safe Sex Fashion Show, wearing a mini-skirt and top crafted by Sister Catherine out of bubble-wrap. **12/31/94** The CoE successfully infiltrates the official Boston "First Night" parade: props include a "meat stick" and the Ark of Materialism. **??/?/95** Pastor Scott persuades Rev. Korda and company to get the CoE's "four pillars" tatooed on their shoulders. **03/01/95** Volume I of the CoE E-sermons is mailed. **05/20/95** The CoE rents a booth at the four-day National Stationary Show, held in Javits Center, NYC. **07/19/95** A supermarket billboard featuring plastic-wrapped vegetables is modified to say "Wrapped in Plastic." **08/22/95** The IRS awards the CoE 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. **09/23/95** The CoE takes a table at the Hemp Rally on the Boston Common. **10/?/?/95** The first service is held in the new CoE chapel, painstakingly constructed in Sister Catherine's basement. **12/01/95** The Suicide Assistance Hotline billboard goes up in Dorchester, but the hotline is blocked by the telephone company's lawyers. **12/19/95** "Snuff It" #3 is mailed. **02/17/96** Lydia Eccles leads Unabomber supporters at the New Hampshire Primary, while Vermin Supreme organizes a tour of the victory/defeat parties. **03/01/96** Rev. Korda and others deploy a 25'x10' GOP Swastika banner at a Boston polling station on primary day. Rev. Korda claims to be a Buchanan supporter, and punches are thrown. **07/04/96** Rev. Korda holds the CoE annual meeting at the National Rainbow Gathering in Missouri. **07/27/96** The CoE takes a table at the Fetish Flea Market. After discovering that proceeds benefit the National Leather Association, Rev. Korda swears vengeance. **08/01/96** A billboard featuring the quote "Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions" is modified sodomitically. **08/26/96** Lydia Eccles takes Rev. Korda and America Hoffman on a Unapack field trip to the Chicago Democratic Convention. Rev. Korda visits CoE notables Deacon Kelly and \$t @ndrew. **08/30/96** Rev. Korda makes a pilgrimage to Gary, Indiana to pray in front of the steel mills and refineries, and is repeatedly harrassed by rent-a-cops. **09/07/96** The CoE

kicks off its pro-abortion activities with a visibility at Repro clinic. The German magazine Der Spiegel is there. **09/14/96** Rev. Korda leads a head-on confrontation with hundreds of pro-lifers in front of Preterm Clinic, where the "Eat A Queer Fetus For Jesus" banner makes its first appearance. **09/21/96** The CoE takes a table at the Hemp Rally again, and faces heckling from suburban thugs. **10/15/96** The CoE and the Pedophile Priests for Life mingle with hard-core pro-life demonstrators in front of Gynecare Clinic. Props include a crucified inflatable sex doll and life-size drawings of naked boys. **11/15/96** The Revolving Museum in South Boston hosts a show of "difficult art," including Unapack, the CoE, and Jay Critchley. The show is later vandalized by a disgusted tenant. **02/20/97** Snuff It #4 is mailed. **03/17/97** Rev. Korda flies to San Francisco to be taped for the PBS show "Internet Cafe," stays with soon-to-be Cardinal Paley, and makes a detour to San Jose to meet Satanic Outreach director Boboroshi. **04/13/97** The CoE holds a ceremony on the Boston Common to honor the members of Heaven's Gate. Thirty-nine earthworms are released from individual containers, and grapes are crushed to symbolize castration. **04/26/97** Hordes of baby-toting yuppies turn out for an "Earthfest" rock concert on the Esplanade, where they are taunted by a small but vocal CoE contingent holding a huge "Thank You For Not Breeding" banner. **05/03/97** The CoE launches a surprise attack on a local sperm bank, deploying a 15-foot-tall bright pink penis. The bank refuses to release their sperm, and the CoE is forced to slaughter sperm on the front steps. **05/11/97** One of those annoying milk-moustache billboards is re-captioned "Sperm." **06/12/97** The CoE flies to Chicago to be taped for the Jerry Springer show. Highlights include fetus eating and an oral sex demonstration. **06/27/97** A Christian billboard is modified to read "If you're looking for a sign from God, kill yourself." **06/27/97** The "Save the Planet, Kill Yourself" EP is re-released by International Gigolo records in Germany. **07/19/97** CoE members join clown Rich Mackin for a demonstration in front of the brand-new Niketown. Vermin gets himself arrested for trespassing. **07/26/97** The CoE returns to the Fetish Flea Market with Vermin Supreme and a live goat. A necrophilia raffle is held, and the police eject the goat just before the lucky winner returns to slaughter and fuck it. **08/11/97** A heavily sanitized Jerry Springer show is aired, under the title "I want to join a suicide cult." Pastor Kim's rant makes "Talk Soup." **08/16/97** International Gigolo flies Rev. Korda to Colgone for Europe's largest music convention, "Popkom." Rev. Korda appears at club Apollo, and surprises everyone by playing electric guitar and singing. **08/17/97** Rev. Korda addresses a group of German Dadaists at a cafe in Bochum. **08/23/97** Rev. Korda's performance is repeated at the Gigolo's home base, club Ultraschall in Munich. **09/13/97** Blindfold Cannibal Taste Tests are held in front of local supermarkets. Human meat is served, and CoE members are turned on a specially constructed rotisserie. **09/16/97** Rev. Korda and Cardinal Paley appear at a Jerry Springer screening party in NYC. **09/20/97** The CoE takes a table at the Hemp Rally for a third year. This time homophobic rowdies pelt the CoE with bottles, and a riot is narrowly avoided. **10/05/97** The CoE attempts to join the annual Walk For Life around the Boston Common, and is rebuffed by an enraged Parks Commissioner,

who is videotaped strangling a photographer with his camera strap. The Fetus Barbecue is held in exile on Boylston Street. **10/18/97** The fun squad returns to Niketown for more consumer education. **10/27/97** Pagan Kennedy invites Rev. Korda to speak at Borders Books. **11/04/97** Pagan Kennedy invites Rev. Korda to speak again, at Booksmith. **02/28/98** The "Vanishing Point" rave is held at the CoE chapel, and Rev. Korda debuts a live techno set. **03/21/98** Rev. Korda returns to Munich to perform live techno at club Ultraschall. **04/19/98** The CoE takes a table at Rich Mackin's Beantown Zine Fair, and Fetus Candles are sold for the first time. **04/25/98** Outnumbered by sausage vendors at the 1998 Earthfest, CoE members parade through the crowd and offend nearly everyone before the police finally catch on. **06/20/98** The CoE's "Sex Is Good" rave in Chinatown is a huge hit despite unpleasantry at the door. **07/12/98** Rev. Korda performs in Berlin during the Love Parade, kicking off a six-week tour with appearances in Munich, Ulm, Sarajevo and Cologne. **10/27/98** Rev. Korda participates in a euthanasia debate held by the Law Society at Trinity College in Dublin. Opponents include a pro-life high court judge. **12/02/98** Rev. Korda returns to Germany to mix and master the CD "Six Billion Humans Can't Be Wrong" and perform in Munich on New Year's Eve.

Greetings, and welcome to the Church of Euthanasia's FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) as of March 20, 1996. This document is constantly evolving. If you have a question that is not answered here, please send it to coe@netcom.com.

1. What is the Church of Euthanasia?
2. Where can I find the Church on-line?
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  - b. ftp and gopher archives
  - c. e-mail archive
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  - e. talk.euthanasia
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## **2. Where can I find the Church on-line?**

- a. world-wide web site and mirror

The web site contains everything the Church has ever released, including all issues of Snuff It (complete with color photos and graphics), the complete e-sermons, a resources page with links to Church-approved sites, and an on-line catalog with an order form.

This is the best way to experience the Church on-line, particularly if your browser supports graphics. The primary web site is <http://www.paranoia.com/coe/>. The site is also "mirrored" on a considerably faster machine at <http://www.envirolink.org/orgs/coe/>.

b. ftp and gopher archives

If you don't have access to the web, or if you want plain text rather than HTML, try the University of Michigan's ETEXT archive:

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ftp: ftp.etext.org /pub/Zines/Snuffit  
gopher: gopher.etext.org Zines/Snuffit
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c. e-mail archive

If you're e-mail only, don't despair: our e-mail archive doesn't have everything, but there's enough to keep you busy for a long time. To obtain a list of what's available, send an e-mail (the subject does not matter) to [coe-request@paranoia.com](mailto:coe-request@paranoia.com) containing ONLY the line:

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index
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You'll receive a listing of the available files, in alphabetical order. Many systems limit the size of e-mails, and for this reason, the larger files (e.g. Snuff It) are broken up into sections of around 30k each. To request one or more of the files, send an e-mail (again, the subject doesn't matter) to the same address ([coe-request@paranoia.com](mailto:coe-request@paranoia.com)), containing a "get" command for each file you want. For example, to request both parts of Snuff It #1:

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get snuffit1a  
get snuffit1b
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NOTE that the file names are CASE-SENSITIVE (welcome to Unix). Paranoia is a relatively small system, and downtime is not unheard of, so don't expect your file(s) to arrive immediately, but if it's been longer than 24 hours, something's probably wrong. Try again, and if it still doesn't work, e-mail us at [coe@netcom.com](mailto:coe@netcom.com).

d. SNUFFIT-L mailing list

SNUFFIT-L is a low-volume (one e-mail per week, on average), \*moderated\* mailing list. It is primarily used to disseminate Snuff It (surprise), important Church news, occasional e-sermons, and other texts as they become available. To join the list, send an e-mail (the subject doesn't matter) to [listserv@netcom.com](mailto:listserv@netcom.com) (\*NOTE\* the different address) containing ONLY the line:

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subscribe snuffit-l
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e. talk.euthanasia

Somewhere along the way, a Church newsgroup was proposed, and in the process of trying to agree on a name, we discovered that the word "euthanasia" didn't appear in the UseNet hierarchy at all! A grassroots campaign followed, and the talk.euthanasia newsgroup was added to the "big seven" hierarchy in March '95, thanks to the Church's persistent efforts. Unfortunately the group attracts Humanists like flies on crap, so the conversation tends to be dull to say the least. We occasionally try to liven things up a bit by posting sermons or articles from Snuff It. Feel free to lurk there, annoy the Humanists, and flame the idiots who post pro-life messages. The charter is as follows:

GOOD DEATH is the real meaning of the Greek word "euthanasia," and in ancient Greece the Hippocratic oath bound all doctors to provide good death, as much as good life. The talk.euthanasia newsgroup will be open to discussion of all aspects of euthanasia, including but not limited to the history, ethics, legality, and practice of suicide and assisted suicide, in cases of terminal illness and otherwise, as well as the wider social implications of voluntary and involuntary euthanasia. Discussion of suicide as a form of mental illness, including suicide prevention, will be directed elsewhere.

### **3. Where can I get those nifty stickers, buttons, t-shirts, etc.?**

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get catalog

Unfortunately the coe-request version of the catalog is text-only. This can be awkward for ordering t-shirts, posters, and so forth. You might prefer to send a SASE to the Church for our 4-page printed catalog, which includes pictures of everything, or better yet, send \$2 for Snuff It #3 (32 pages), which includes the catalog. Send securely wrapped cash, money orders, or checks to:

The Church of Euthanasia  
P.O.Box 261  
Somerville, MA 02143  
USA

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We recommend taking an overdose of sleeping pills and fastening a large plastic trash bag over your head. That way even if the dose isn't enough to kill you, or makes you throw up (a common problem), you still die of asphyxiation. This is by the way the official "Hemlock Society approved" method, and has proved to be very effective and painless. Use a rubber band to fasten the bag around your head. It's best to hold the bag open while you're falling asleep, so you can still breathe and don't panic. After you fall asleep, your grip loosens, the elastic tightens, and

presto: you stop breathing. The only hard part is getting the pills (some folks just use the bag, but this is hard-core).

If you can't get sleeping pills, you could also try connecting a tube to the exhaust pipe of a car. Run the tube into the car by rolling down one window a bit, and be sure to use tape (duct tape would be good) to seal the space around the tube so there's no leakage. Start up the motor, turn on the radio, and sit back. This one is completely painless, and you will not wake up unless 1. you run out of gas (fill it up first) or 2. someone discovers you (the most common reason why this method doesn't work). It's best to drive somewhere far away from people, which, needless to say, is getting harder and harder to do.

#### **9. Why haven't you killed yourself yet?**

I just might. Believe me, I think about it every day. But maybe, just maybe, if enough people listen to what we're saying and stop procreating and consuming so much, we might be able to reduce the population and build a more compassionate, sustainable future. Then maybe I won't need to kill myself. That hope is the only thing that keeps me alive; if it ever dies, I'll die with it, and you can have front row seats. The real question is how much of your self you are willing to sacrifice for the well-being of the remaining species on Earth, as well as future generations of Humans.

#### **10. How many members are there?**

The Church currently has hundreds of card-carrying members who've taken the vow, plus clergy, directors, and over a thousand "e-members" on the Internet. We have members as far away as Italy and Latvia, though the majority are in the USA.

#### **11. Can I distribute or reprint Church propaganda?**

Everything we publish is yours to use, subject to two conditions: we request that you include the author's name if specified, along with the Church's e-mail, world-wide web, and postal addresses, and if you're reprinting rather than quoting or excerpting for use in your own work, we request that you use the material *in its entirety*.

#### **12. Where can I get EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION?**

The Office of Population Research at Princeton University maintains an emergency contraception world-wide web site and toll-free number. Both allow you to get information on the "morning after" pill and other forms of emergency contraception, and then find the clinics, hospitals or doctors nearest you that will prescribe them. Call 1-800-584-9911 or access <http://opr.princeton.edu/ec/ec.html> right away. Don't "wait and see what happens." You have 72 hours!

More FAQ questions:

Q: Does the Church support adoption?

Q: Isn't overpopulation really a Third World problem?

A: In terms of energy consumption alone, an American couple "stopping at two" is equivalent to a West Indian couple stopping at sixty-six, or an Ethiopian couple stopping at five hundred.

Q: Is the Church pro-choice?

A: We're *not* pro-choice, we're pro-abortion. For the foreseeable future, "the only good fetus is one that's dead."

Q: Aren't [you and your friends] just the kind of people who *should* be procreating? Otherwise aren't we surrendering the planet to [people you don't like] who'll be the only ones left after we die out?

A: Guess what? We have a test to decide who's going to be allowed to procreate, and you just failed it. The Nazis raised this type of thinking to an art-form, but it's probably been around for as long as there's been Humans. It's called *eugenics*, as in "We're God's chosen people, and They're stupid and dirty, but there's a lot of Them and They're hard to kill, so keep on breeding until there's way more of Us than Them." So far, no group of Humans has achieved its goal of permanently enslaving all the others, but the many attempts--and the religions based on them--have contributed substantially to both industrialization and overpopulation.

Q: Why not focus on consumption instead of population? Shouldn't we concentrate on raising healthy children who will consume less, live more sustainably, and make the world a better place?

A: Reducing your consumption is laudable, of course, but it has a relatively minor effect compared to not procreating, which eliminates the consumption of all your potential offspring, expanding on and on exponentially into countless future generations. It's tough to control the size of your children's families, and there's no guarantee that they'll share your environmentalism. Children usually rebel against their parents by adopting opposite views, so it's a safe bet your little revolutionary will grow up to be a cell-phone-wielding lawyer with a suburban house full of mall-rats. Why take chances?

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## 6. What's the best way for me to kill myself?

We recommend taking an overdose of sleeping pills and fastening a large plastic trash bag over your head. That way even if the dose isn't enough to kill you, or makes you throw up (a common problem), you still die of asphyxiation. This is by the way the official "Hemlock Society approved" method, and has proved to be very effective and painless. Use a rubber band to fasten the bag around your head. It's best to hold the bag open while you're falling asleep, so you can still breathe and don't panic. After you fall asleep, your grip loosens, the elastic tightens, and presto: you stop breathing. The only hard part is getting the pills (some folks just use the bag, but this is hard-core).

If you can't get sleeping pills, you could also try connecting a tube to the exhaust pipe of a car. Run the tube into the car by rolling down one window a bit, and be sure to use tape (duct tape would be good) to seal the space around the tube so there's no leakage. Start up the motor, turn on the radio, and sit back. This one is completely painless, and you will not wake up unless 1. you run out of gas (fill it up first) or 2. someone discovers you (the most common reason why this method doesn't work). It's best to drive somewhere far away from people, which, needless to say, is getting harder and harder to do.

## 7. Why haven't you killed yourself yet?

I just might. Believe me, I think about it every day. But maybe, just maybe, if enough people listen to what we're saying and stop procreating and consuming so much, we might be able to reduce the population and build a more compassionate, sustainable future. Then maybe I won't *need* to kill myself. That hope is the only thing that keeps me alive; if it ever dies, I'll die with it, and you can have front row seats. The real question is how much of your *self* you are willing to sacrifice for the well-being of the remaining species on Earth, as well as future generations of Humans.

## 8. How many members are there?

The Church currently has hundreds of card-carrying members who've taken the vow, plus clergy, directors, and over a thousand "e-members" on the Internet. We have members as far away as Italy and Latvia, though the majority are in the USA.

## **9. Can I distribute or reprint Church propaganda?**

Everything we publish is yours to use, subject to two conditions: we request that you include the author's name if specified, along with the Church's e-mail, world-wide web, and postal addresses, and if you're *reprinting* rather than quoting or excerpting for use in your own work, we request that you use the material *in its entirety*.

## **10. Where can I get EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION?**

The Office of Population Research at Princeton University maintains an emergency contraception world-wide web site and toll-free number. Both allow you to get information on the "morning after" pill and other forms of emergency contraception, and then find the clinics, hospitals or doctors nearest you that will prescribe them. Call 1-800-584-9911 or access <http://opr.princeton.edu/ec/ec.html> right away. *Don't "wait and see what happens."* You have 72 hours!

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## HOW TO KILL YOURSELF: A META-GUIDE

### **GOALS**

This text attempts to establish unambiguous criteria by which potential suicide methods can be judged. This text does not attempt to list or evaluate all known suicide methods. A comprehensive list of suicide methods is maintained by the alt.suicide.holiday newsgroup.

### **CRITERIA**

For a suicide method to be Church of Euthanasia approved, it must be:

1. QUICK
2. PAINLESS
3. CERTAIN
4. DISCREET
5. SAFE
6. ACCESSIBLE
7. TIDY

### **RATIONALE**

**QUICK:** Fast methods cause less psychological anguish, and provide less opportunity to "chicken out". Why be unnecessarily tormented by doubts and second thoughts? An ideal method would be essentially instantaneous.

**PAINLESS:** The Church of Euthanasia opposes suffering, even for humans. Therefore a Church-approved method must be at least painless, if not outright enjoyable.

**CERTAIN:** A failed suicide usually results in close surveillance, or even confinement to a mental hospital, greatly reducing the odds of a successful second attempt. In addition, many suicide methods have the potential to cause severe suffering if unsuccessful, in the form of irreversible organ damage, disfigurement, and so forth. An ideal method would be 100% certain to cause death, with no chance of mere injury.

**DISCREET:** Many methods would be effective under ideal conditions, but in practice have too great a risk of detection. No matter how promising the method may be from other perspectives, it is useless unless you can get away with it.

**SAFE:** Safe to others, not you! The Church of Euthanasia only supports VOLUNTARY population reduction. An ideal method would have zero chance of "collateral damage" to other living things.

**ACCESSIBLE:** No matter how nifty a method sounds, it doesn't do you any good if you can't obtain it, and obtain it discreetly at that.

TIDY: Don't be selfish! If you make a nasty mess, someone will have to discover it, and clean it up too. That someone could be a friend or family member. Most people aren't trained to deal with trauma, and even if they are, that doesn't mean they like it. No one is going to appreciate mopping up bits of your head.

#### EVALUATION OF SELECTED COMMON METHODS

Shooting: Assuming minimal knowledge of anatomy, sufficient caliber, and a steady hand, it's quick and certain alright, and probably painless too, though it's hard to be sure. Discreet? Well, once you have the weapon in hand, no one can stop you, so the question is moot. Accessibility varies widely: obviously in the USA it's more accessible than we'd like, but in the UK for example it could be nearly impossible. Safety depends heavily on the choice of location. All in all, it wouldn't be such a bad method, if it didn't make such a terrible mess.

Hanging: Not very quick or certain, with a decent chance of mere injury. High marks for accessibility, but unfortunately the risk of detection is also high, because hanging takes a while, unless you manage to break your neck, which is relatively hard to do. Most people probably wouldn't consider hanging painless, but obviously there's a minority who enjoy this type of thing (see the classic British film "The Ruling Class" for example). No one who has ever seen a choking victim would describe this method as "tidy".

Driving: A fine example of an unsafe method. What did all those total strangers ever do to you? Nothing is what. Cars are accessible enough, but collisions have surprisingly low fatality rates, and usually aren't quick, painless, or tidy.

Jumping: Fairly quick, depending on the height, but not all that certain. You'd be astonished at how many people have survived outrageous jumps. San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge draws jumpers from all over the world, but the locals are hip, and many people are stopped in the act. This method has a high probability of a making a truly disgusting mess.

Slashing: Unless you're a Marine, you probably don't have what it takes to slice yourself deeply enough to do the job. There's a fine line between self-mutilation and an actual suicide attempt. In most cases this method is just a cry for help. Straight razors are accessible enough, but this method is definitely not painless, certain or quick. It might look glamorous in the movies, but don't be fooled: a bathtub full of blood is not a pretty sight.

Drowning: Not particularly discreet except very isolated areas, and even then it's advisable to do it at night. If you're a good enough swimmer to get far enough out, it's fairly certain, especially in frigid water, but it's not quick by any means. By some accounts it's moderately painless, but where your bloated corpse will wind up, and to what extent it will be chewed, is

another matter.

Freezing: If you can manage to get above the timber line in winter and get naked, this method has a good chance of success, but be careful to take public transportation. People have been rescued by over-zealous park rangers who were tipped off by an extra car in the parking lot. Unless you're in the Arctic circle, it takes a while, but it's relatively painless once you get past a certain point. Accessibility varies widely, but freezing gets high marks for safety and tidiness, and is ideal for nature-lovers.

Overdosing: This is a huge topic, and beyond the scope of this text. Suffice it to say that the lethal dosage for a given substance depends enormously on the individual. In many cases the odds of organ damage are much higher than the odds of death. Many attempts fail due to the human body's annoying tendency to vomit when poisoned. Most experts recommend combining drugs with alcohol and a garbage bag over the head, secured with an elastic.

Nitrous Oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>): When properly applied (using a mask or a garbage bag), it's astoundingly quick and certain, and downright pleasurable (after all, dentists use it). The hard part is getting the stuff. It takes a lot of whippets to fill up a garbage bag, and it's difficult to get a tank without posing as a legitimate business.

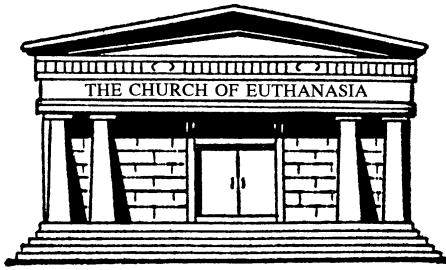
Car Exhaust: This is a fine example of a method that's reasonable in theory but rarely works out in practice, because it's so hard to do discreetly. A tube from your tailpipe to your car window is bound to attract attention. Run your engine in your garage long enough, and you'll be visited by a nosy neighbor. Sure it's painless, but failure means brain damage.

Oven Gas: This method is totally unacceptable, due to the obvious danger of blowing up total strangers.

## **CONCLUSION**

Suicide is hard work, and should not be undertaken lightly. It's easy to do it badly, or make rookie mistakes. As with many things, the best results are achieved by thorough research and careful preparation.

# NEWS RELEASE



## "SAVE THE PLANET - KILL YOURSELF" RETURNS TO N.Y.

BOSTON, MARCH 20, 1995 - The outrageous eco-extremist religious order known as The Church of Euthanasia is returning to New York City for the upcoming Stationary Show at Javits Center. Their founder, Rev. Chris Korda (daughter of well-known author Michael Korda) made national news at the 1992 Democratic Convention in New York, by selling hundreds of bumper stickers that read "SAVE THE PLANET - KILL YOURSELF" to the assembled delegates.

The Church has sold over 50,000 stickers since then, with the help of mammoth national distributor Spencer Gifts. In addition to the now ubiquitous "SAVE THE PLANET - KILL YOURSELF," the Church will be displaying an entire product line of bizarre "politically incorrect" stickers, T-shirts, and posters, bearing such jarring slogans as "EAT PEOPLE NOT ANIMALS," "THANK YOU FOR NOT BREEDING," "TEACH MASTURBATION," and "HONK IF YOU NEED AN ABORTION." The Church hopes to raise money for its other population-reduction efforts, including the third issue of its widely-distributed quarterly journal, "SNUFF IT." A follow-up to the Church's hit single, "Save The Planet Kill Yourself," which made #39 on the Progressive Promotion Dance charts last summer, is also planned.

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/The Church of Euthanasia (CoE) is a nonprofit religious order dedicated to restoring balance between humans and the remaining species on Earth through voluntary population reduction. The CoE is recognized by the US government as a tax-exempt educational foundation; contributions are tax-deductible. The Church has only one commandment, and it is "Thou Shalt Not Procreate." Membership implies a lifetime vow to never have children. The vow is permanent and irrevocable: a member who becomes pregnant or causes a pregnancy must obtain an abortion or be excommunicated. There are currently over 250 official members, mostly in the US, though there are many more members who choose not to register themselves for personal reasons.

The CoE has actively encouraged suicide as a means of voluntary population reduction. Examples include support for Dr. Jack Kevorkian (he will be canonized), offers to arrange suicides on various television talk shows (none have been accepted), and an attempt to establish a Suicide-Assistance Hotline (blocked by the telephone company). The best-known example is the Church's infamous slogan, "Save The Planet, Kill Yourself." The slogan was distributed for several years as a popular bumper sticker, and later became a techno EP, originally released in 1994 on the Church's own label, Kevorkian Records. DJ Hell found a copy in a NY record shop, and obtained permission to re-release the track in 1997 as Gigolo 005.

The CoE's activities often appear nonsensical or provocative. This results from a deliberate strategy, rooted in Dadaism and other anti-art movements, and based on the historical observation that paradox is the best antidote to totalitarianism. When everything is clearly defined, assimilated, and organized into dualisms (right, wrong, good, evil) or neat categories (work, progress, art, etc.) there is no possibility for original thought or meaningful communication. This is of course why successful totalitarian movements seek to control the appearance of reality through propaganda. The collapse of the Soviet regime can be seen from this point of view as a propaganda failure: physical coercion (brute force) is simply not cost-effective.

The more sophisticated methods of advertising, education, and voluntary self-censorship have proved their effectiveness in the US and Europe. These techniques require a highly competitive society in which literally everything is reduced to commodity, including not only the physical (land, water, air, the electromagnetic spectrum) and the biological (plants, animals, genetic material, sexual pleasure) but also more abstract entities such as entertainment, information, and ideas in general. Because a commodity-based society is highly interdependent, even small disruptions are intolerable. Its members must be specialized, and adapted to constant technological change. Conformity is achieved with deep, life-long conditioning, but this tends to make psychological conflict unbearable. Ambiguity and confusion are therefore the CoE's most powerful weapons: confronted with insoluble conflicts which shatter their convenient fictions,

people are forced to think for themselves.

The CoE's disruptions can be broadly divided into propaganda and actions, though the two are often intertwined. Propaganda has included for example slogans (bumper stickers, buttons, and so forth), a magazine ("Snuff It"), musical releases, a comprehensive web site, and appearances in the mainstream media (print, radio, and TV). The slogans are the main engine of the CoE's success, not only because they are self-distributing (bootlegging is encouraged) but also because they generate substantial income and therefore finance themselves. Slogans such as "Eat People Not Animals" have many levels, some humorous, and strike resonant chords with young people everywhere. It is not necessary for them to fully understand the message, so long as they spread it. Actions have always taken place in the Boston area (where the CoE is based) and usually involve a group of between ten and twenty CoE members. In many cases the CoE group attaches itself parasitically to some much larger public event, often disguising itself until a suitable moment.

For example at a very large Christian pro-life demonstration, CoE members unveiled an inflatable sex-doll giving birth while crucified on a life-size wooden cross, along with huge banners that read "Thank You For Not Breeding" and "Eat A Queer Fetus For Jesus," while other members set up a cooking grill and served barbequed fetus. In another case, the CoE demonstrated in front of a local sperm bank. Members declared the sperm bank a symbol of unchecked human fertility, and demanded that the sperm be released. Elaborate props included a fifteen-foot-tall bright pink penis that squirted white foam. When the demands were not met, sperm was symbolically slaughtered on the front steps, using spermicide. Another example is the 1998 "Earth Day" festival (a bizarre American custom in which corporations like Microsoft, Disney and VH1 use a free rock concert to demonstrate that they are preserving the environment). The CoE managed to disrupt the event for hours, despite repeated confrontations with the police, thanks to a cleverly forged letter of invitation.

While the CoE occasionally borrows symbols from Christianity for the purpose of ridicule, the CoE is generally anti-stupidity, and therefore, anti-Christian and especially anti-Catholic. Catholicism forbids euthanasia, abortion, sex-education, and homosexuality, while the CoE supports all of these. What do they all have in common? Of course, they all help reduce the population, but more importantly, they are all inescapably linked to man's biological nature, and by extension, to the natural cycles of life and death. Catholicism is synonymous with denial of the human body, and of the biological world in general. If it doesn't matter what happens here, because we're going to heaven, and if human life is absolutely sacred, while all other forms of life are inferior, even the most outrageous assault on the Earth can easily be rationalized.

In its denial of the body, the technological state increasingly

resembles Catholicism. At the fringe of the technological movement we find trans-humanism, the belief that only man's mind is important: the sooner it can be liberated from the body the better. Smart drugs, genetic techniques, cryonics, bionics, and cybernetics all take the inferiority of human flesh as their starting point. The fusion of man with machine is glorified in popular culture (e.g. Star Trek), and particularly in techno-rave culture. Catholicism and technological utopianism are both forms of escapism, rejections of the terms of life and death on Earth. The CoE embraces the biological world, and defines evolution towards diversity as the ultimate ethical good. Thus the CoE seizes the term "pro-life", and defines itself as a truly pro-life religion.

Modern civilization is the history of man altering his environment to suit his needs. This alteration has proceeded on many fronts, but the most destructive aspect has been the gradual replacement of the biological diversity of Earth (wilderness) with a small number of plants and animals that are deemed useful to man. Thanks to modern genetic techniques, these plants and animals are now monocultures, identical at the genetic level. This process of impoverishment is the opposite of evolution, and has been correctly termed "deevolution." Species are selected not because they stand the test of time, but for short-term gain. The average person takes a drive in the countryside, sees mile after mile of corn fields, and thinks "how pleasant to be away from the city." In fact he is witnessing a destroyed ecosystem, an abomination, in which thousands of diverse species have been eliminated to make room for one vast genetic organism.

The massive reduction in biological diversity has been paralleled by an equal reduction in social diversity. Where there were once thousands of tribal nations in America, each with their own way of living uniquely adapted to their circumstances, now there is only one nation, and only one way to live. Like the dozens of species that become extinct every day as the tropical rainforest disappears, the diversity of culture also disappears, to be replaced by standardized humans, who only know shopping malls and discotheques.

It is no longer possible to distinguish education from entertainment, or advertising from content. Unified as propaganda, they assure us, during every waking moment, that a standardized world is not only inevitable, but fundamentally good and just. This is the underlying message of television, no matter what the program: that there will always be more merchandise, that this is the one right way for everyone to live, and that humans will always live this way. The tremendous effort being expended to communicate this message to every person on Earth is a good measure of the perceived resistance. As the Unabomber has pointed out, industrial society is in crisis, and if it survives, it will only do so by exerting even more control, ultimately turning all living things into manufactured products.

As things are reduced to their functions, cities become more and more alike, and their inhabitants become interchangeable and rootless. Musical trends reflect this, naturally, as one club resembles another, and fans of techno music can expect to hear the same tracks in every city. It is highly significant that the 1998 Love Parade's slogan was "One World, One Future." A better slogan would be "One World, One Shit", or perhaps "Brave New World." The similarities between a typical rave or techno party and the "feelies" in Huxley's dystopia are obvious. The repetitious music, pulsating colors, and "Soma" drugs are already present: only tactile sensations are missing. The notion that people would willingly accept mass-produced hypnosis no longer seems shocking because it has already happened.

Germany is no stranger to mass-produced hypnosis of course. This is part of the reason why the original cover for the new CoE album featured a photograph of the author naked, eyes open, inside one of the ovens at Dachau. Other reasons include the obvious numerical symbolism (six billion humans, six million Jews), links to the much larger biological holocaust of species extinction, and visual resemblance to the factory farms in which we concentrate our food animals. The most important reason, however, is that the Dachau memorial is above all a symbol of anti-nationalism.

Germany was made an example of, in a way that no other nation has been. This is not because it did anything worse than other nations. The destruction of the Indian tribes in America easily ranks as the worst holocaust of all time in terms of both geographical scale and completeness: at least some Jews survived, which is more than can be said for most Indian tribes. If nationalism is the belief that one group of humans is superior to another, then humanism is the belief that humans are "the measure of all things" (dictionary definition) and therefore superior to all other species. Both beliefs are used to justify reduction of diversity. If Germany was made an example of, there is a possibility in Germany, not only for anti-nationalism, but perhaps for anti-humanism as well. It is not enough to be ashamed of being German or American. Before the population is reduced, and the Earth healed, we will learn to be ashamed of being human.

Much of the new album is anti-social propaganda. In particular the title track, "Six Billion Humans Can't Be Wrong," addresses overpopulation, materialism, and the isolation of the individual in mass society. The lyrics read:

The world revolves around me  
What I want  
I want...  
A cigarette  
A beer  
A baby  
A new car  
Throw it away

Where's my lunch?  
The world revolves around me  
Me me me me me  
Everyone agrees with me  
We'll never stop living this way  
Six billion humans can't be wrong  
One world, one shit

Some final notes:

I chose to answer your questions in a narrative form because each answer is defined in terms of the others. I apologize for the sweeping generalizations and poor scholarship: the problem is not a lack of references, but lack of sufficient time to organize the ideas coherently. It has repeatedly been suggested that they form the basis of a book.

If you need more information, it can easily be found on the CoE web site (<http://churchofeuthanasias.org>). In particular I recommend the family album, which lists all the available photographs, as well as the index by author (available from the what's new page). The Prayer For A Good Death (from Snuff It #3) would make an excellent sidebar: it demonstrates the underlying theme of anti-humanism in a profound and moving way. If you are interested in printing the controversial Dachau photograph, this can also be arranged. I can't send a print, as I have only one, but it would be possible to request another print from the photographer, or if time does not permit this, the photo could be scanned and made available on the web site.

Finally I should point out that the CoE has a celebrity member in Holland, in the person of Karin Spaink, the well-known author and internet personality. Though I have not asked her to do so, I am sure she would delighted to speak with you. I think her email address is [kspaink@xs4all.nl](mailto:kspaink@xs4all.nl), but if not she can be reached through her web site. I will be back in the US on January 1, and if you need to reach me there, my email address is [coe@netcom.com](mailto:coe@netcom.com).

IT TOLLS FOR THEE:

THE REGISTRY PROJECT:

## CREATING A SPACE AND A RATIONALE FOR SUICIDE

### Church of Euthanasia

Millions of people are willing to die in order to attempt to save our unique planet.

We live in a world too full of people. Millions of people all over the world understand that an overabundance of humanity has created an imbalance in the forces that promote life and orderly change on earth. As a result of human intervention, our land, water and atmosphere are increasingly polluted. We are losing our biodiversity, our roadless areas, and our forests and the critical habitat for countless animal and plant species.

More and more of us are coming to understand that our current crisis is a result of too many people trying to occupy a limited environment. Accordingly, the Church of Euthanasia announces the establishment of THE REGISTRY PROJECT in order to facilitate the joyous sacrifice millions of us all over the world are spiritually ready to make in order to do what we can to save whatever is left of our remaining biodiversity.

All religions provide their followers with solace and comfort for the fact and finality of death. One of the purposes of the Church of Euthanasia is to help its members embrace and cherish that finality. We encourage viewing our deaths as a form of grace. The grace we seek in death is the comfort that we will no longer be drawing on the limited resources of our finite planet.

The purpose of the Registry Project is to provide a place for the saints of the Church: those who welcome their deaths and also those who peacefully work to prevent more human births -- for example by encouraging abortions and providing family planning services.

We want those who wish to take their destiny into their own hands, to serve as models for the rest of humanity, thus giving purpose to our lives and our deaths. The Church of Euthanasia wishes to underline the power of our own individual actions and our collective testimony and we are grateful for the sacrifice of the Heaven's Gate group who showed the whole world how a handful of people could capture the world's attention and imagination.

### REGISTRY OF SAINTS AND ORDERS

1. SAINT KEVORKIAN: People of all ages who wish to end their lives in order to relieve pressure on the earth's resources.

2. SAINT HO CHI MINH: People close to death or in great pain who no longer wish to continue their suffering and who want to bring their life to an end.

3. SAINT MARGARET SANGER: People who are considering abortion or encouraging abortion and abortion providers.

4. SAINT ROOSEVELT: People who prefer not to add to the earth's human population and who acknowledge limits to the earth's resources.

5. SAINT LINCOLN: People who acknowledge limits to the earth's resources and who wish to work for a diminution of human based diminishment of the earth's remaining natural habitat and roadless areas.

If you fall into one of the above categories you are invited to join our registry.

We ask that you pay a one time (or yearly) fee of \$10 as a way of stating your intention and furthering the work of the Church.

### TESTIMONY AND DISCLAIMER:

We ask each of our registrants to write and sign a letter of intent which might read as following:

I the undersigned being of sound mind and body am planning to commit suicide as an act of giving something back to the earth which bore me. My hope and wish is to relieve, through my sacrifice, a little of the suffering and tragedy caused by the overabundance of human life on our planet.

I hope that my death will play its part in relieving the pressure on earth and that my death will do what it can to allow more space for human and non-human life on earth.

### INDIVIDUAL AND MASS DIE-INS

We hope to promote and broadcast our message by promoting individual and mass die-ins of our members and saints.

### MORE ON COE'S RATIONALE:

### SUFFERING IS OUR MAIN CONCERN; NOT HUMAN LIFE OF WHICH THERE IS MUCH TOO MUCH ALREADY

We decry those like the Pope who unfeelingly condemn hundreds of millions to boundless suffering not only through poverty and immiseration but also to the impact their collective lives have on the rise of racism, of fascism, the loss of individual and civil rights, and the promotion of conflict and war; not to mention the terrible impact humans have on other life on the planet.

We recognize that we may very well be in the late stages of an apocalyptic era similar in many ways to the era preceding the fall of the Roman Empire or the era preceding WWI and WWII. We point to the rapid pace of the disappearance of the bulk of the world's forests and rainforests and roadless areas; we point to the rapidly diminishing habitat for animal and plant life on land and on the sea. We point to our diminishing aquifers through pollution and overuse. We point to diminishing per capita arable land as we simultaneously grow our population while we lose topsoil to development and erosion. We point out that even while so many people have a greater understanding of the effects of our destructive habits, yet at the end of the day, we collectively cede power to political and economic elites who, in the name of working for our good, perforce continue to expand their activity, all the while stripping the world bare like locusts. We believe that it was the resulting poverty and misery that the Heaven's Gate cult was fleeing.

#### JOHN DONNE AND THE NEW REALITY

No man is an island, entire of itself...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

JOHN DONNE; Meditation #17 (1624)

More than 370 years later, we'd like to revisit Donne's message and point to a changed world; a world where the bell tolls for each and every one of us: begging us to make a contribution by not drawing any longer on more of the world's finite resources. Our changed world calls for a new consciousness; an awareness that we are not innocent; that simply by living we create the conditions for increased conflict and increased environmental degradation. We would like to think that if John Donne were alive today, he would recognize the new reality and that he would ask his parishioners to listen for a new message from the same village bell which used to announce the death of one of its human inhabitants.

If John Donne were alive today he might write instead that:

Every person's birth diminishes me because it withdraws precious space from God's other beings; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

THE END

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## SIX BILLION HUMANS CAN'T BE WRONG

The Church of Euthanasia announces the timely release of Rev. Chris Korda's CD **Six Billion Humans Can't Be Wrong**. World population will reach six billion in July. The cover shows Rev. Korda inside one of the ovens at the Dachau concentration camp. More than one billion animals are currently slaughtered annually in the United States, while a species becomes extinct every thirty minutes.

The CD contains over 70 minutes of unusual electronic dance music, with mixes by top German DJ Naughty. The twelve tracks include **Sex Is Good**, **Buy, Buy More**, cannibal anthem **Fleshdance**, and club stomper **Save The Planet, Kill Yourself**. The rhythm and harmony are both intricate and deeply musical, reflecting Rev. Korda's background as a jazz performer and composer. Many of the tracks grew out of chants or tape loops used at Church actions.

The next Church action will take place during the WBOS **Earthfest**, at the Hatshell on the Esplanade, at noon on April 24. Though the Church managed to seriously disrupt last year's Earthfest, the fake letter of invitation from WBOS won't work twice. This year's plan calls for a surprise naval attack from the Charles River. Yuppie breeders will be taunted from a propaganda barge, complete with banners and a powerful sound system. Prior Church actions include human meat taste-tests in front of supermarkets, a fetus barbecue at a pro-life rally (featuring doctors with gunshot wounds), and an assault on a sperm bank with a 15-foot-tall foaming penis.

The Church of Euthanasia is an educational foundation devoted to restoring balance between humans and the remaining species on earth through voluntary population reduction. Members take a lifetime vow to uphold the Church's one commandment, **Thou Shalt Not Procreate**, by practicing sex for pleasure only, and by terminating accidental pregnancies.

Rev. Korda founded the Church in 1992 in Boston, has appeared on **NPR** and the **Jerry Springer Show**, and performs regularly in Europe. Previous musical releases include an ambient sound collage (**Demons In My Head**) and two EPs (**Save the Planet, Kill Yourself** and **Sex Is Good**). Please visit the Church web site ([churchofeuthanasia.org](http://churchofeuthanasia.org)) for more information.